

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sent to Congress at Noon Today.

MUCH ABOUT PANAMA

President Justifies Action of United States Government in the Isthmian Disturbances.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The first regular session of the 58th congress assembled at 11.30 this forenoon.

The President's message was transmitted a little after noon. Its principal features are as follows:

The country is to be congratulated on the amount of substantial achievement which has marked the past year both as regards our foreign and as regards our domestic policy.

With a nation as with a man the most important things are those of the household, and therefore the country is especially to be congratulated on what has been accomplished in the direction of providing for the exercise of supervision over the great corporations and combinations of corporations engaged in interstate commerce. The congress has created the department of commerce and labor, including the bureau of corporations, with far the first time authority to secure proper publicity of such proceedings of these great corporations as the public has the right to know. It has provided for the expediting of suits for the enforcement of the federal antitrust law, and by another law it has secured equal treatment to all producers in the transportation of their goods, thus taking a long stride forward in making effective the work of the interstate commerce commission.

The preliminary work of the bureau of corporations in the department of labor has shown the wisdom of its creation. Publicity in corporate affairs will tend to do away with ignorance and will afford facts upon which intelligent action may be taken. Systematic, intelligent investigation is already developing facts the knowledge of which is essential to a right understanding of the needs and duties of the business world. The corporation which is honestly and fairly organized, whose managers in the conduct of its business recognize their obligation to deal squarely with their stockholders, their competitors and the public, has nothing to fear from such supervision. The purpose of this bureau is not to embarrass or assail legitimate business, but to aid in bringing about a better industrial condition—a condition under which there shall be obedience to law and recognition of public obligation by all corporations, great or small. The department of commerce and labor will be not only the clearing house for information regarding the business transactions of the nation, but the executive arm of the government to aid in strengthening our domestic and foreign markets, in perfecting our transportation facilities, in building up our merchant marine, in preventing the entrance of undesirable immigrants, in improving commercial and industrial conditions and in bringing together on common ground those necessary partners in industrial progress—capital and labor.

Capital and Labor.
The consistent policy of the national government, so far as it has the power, is to hold in check the unscrupulous man, whether employer or employee, but to refuse to weaken individual initiative or to hamper or cramp the industrial development of the country. We recognize that this is an era of federation and combination, in which great capitalistic corporations and labor unions have become factors of tremendous importance in all industrial centers. Hearty recognition is given the far reaching, beneficent work which has been accomplished through both corporations and unions, and the line as between different corporations, as between different unions, is drawn as it is between different individuals—that is, it is drawn on conduct, the effort being to treat both organized capital and organized labor alike, asking nothing save that the interest of each shall be brought into harmony with the interest of the general public and that the conduct of each shall conform to the fundamental rules of obedience to law, of individual freedom and of justice and fair dealing toward all. Whenever either corporation, labor union or individual disregards the law or acts in a spirit of arbitrary and tyrannous interference with the rights of others, whether corporations or individuals, then where the federal government has jurisdiction it will see to it that the misconduct is stopped, paying not the slightest heed to the position or power

VERMONT GRANITE IS OF A SUPERIOR QUALITY

So Writes President Cassatt of the Penn. R. R. to Senator Gallinger of N. H. Bethel Stone Chosen.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 7.—Senator Gallinger, who has been very desirous of securing the selection of Concord granite as the building stone for the new Union station in Washington, D. C., and who has exerted himself to the utmost to secure action favorable to our stone, going even to the length of personally visiting Philadelphia to urge the claims of Concord granite upon the president of the Pennsylvania railroad, sends to the Monitor a letter received from President Cassatt which indicates a definite decision in favor of the Bethel stone. Mr. Cassatt's letter to Senator Gallinger is as follows:

My dear Senator: We have given due consideration to everything you have said in favor of the use of Concord granite for the station building at Washington, but I regret to say that we feel constrained to adhere to our purpose to use the Bethel granite for the reason that the architects are clear in their opinion that for this particular character of building it is superior on account of its brilliant whiteness, to any other, and in this opinion, after a careful study of the question and after consulting two other leading architects, we fully concur. In addition to the examination made by the architects, we had an independent one made by two experienced quarrymen from whose report we are satisfied that the stone is there in sufficient quantity and of a uniform quality and color, and that none of the objections urged against it have any foundation.

Regretting not to be able to meet your views in this matter, and assuring you of our entire disposition to do so had it been practical, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. J. Cassatt, President.
Mr. James G. Batterson, president of the New England Granite Works, writing to the Monitor concerning the articles published there regarding the new union station in Washington, D. C., says that there is one granite concern in Concord which does not go hunting for large contracts with a brass band. The bid of the Bethel granite people, Mr. Batterson says, was several hundred thousand dollars lower than the bid for any other granite. As yet no decision has been made as to the acceptance of Bethel granite, and until the Vermont stone is rejected nothing can be done for Concord granite.

CRIPPLE CREEK PARALYZED.

Declaration of Martial Law Suspends Business in the Colorado City.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Dec. 7.—The declaration of martial law has paralyzed business in this city. Heavily armed pickets of the national guard are stationed on all street corners, and many residents of the city do not venture upon the streets. Provost Marshal Thomas E. McClelland is occupying the mayor's office. He has caused the arrest of several persons, but no important arrests have yet been made.

Following the suppression of an editorial in the Victor Herald, Provost Marshal McClelland has threatened to cut off Cripple Creek from the outside world by locking up the correspondents of the Denver papers and to censor all matter to be sent to the Denver papers. Major Naylor, commanding officer in the absence of Colonel Verdeckberg, has stated that a news censor from the city of Denver would arrive in the district and be in charge of all news to be published in the future. He has not divulged the name of the censor.

HIGHBINDER CONVICTED.

Boston Chinaman Found Guilty of Killing a Countryman.

Boston, Dec. 7.—For killing Wong Yak Chong in the Chinese district of Boston on the night of Oct. 2 Wong Chung and Charlie Chan have been found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury in the superior criminal court.

The trial excited much interest, not only on account of the rarity of the crime of murder among Chinamen in Boston, but also because it was the first time in the history of Massachusetts that the specific charge of murder in the second degree had been stated in the indictment and the first time that a single justice had presided at such a trial.

From evidence brought out it appeared that a Chinese secret society, of which the murdered man was supposed to have learned some secrets, was probably responsible for the crime. The men will go to state prison for life.

CONGRESSMAN BURK DEAD.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Congressman Henry Burk of the Third district is dead at his home here after an illness of more than a year. Mr. Burk was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, in 1850 and came to this country at an early age. Later in life he engaged in the leather manufacturing business and was very successful.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Washington, Dec. 7.—Chairman Hanna of the Republican national committee has appointed William F. Stone of Baltimore sergeant-at-arms in place of the late Mr. Wiswell. He also has appointed Elmer Dover as assistant secretary of the committee.

DUTCH STEAMER FOUNDERS.

Hamburg, Dec. 7.—In the terrific snowstorm and dense fog prevailing on the North sea a number of shipping casualties have occurred. The Dutch steamer Alwina, from La Rochelle for Rotterdam, foundered, and her crew perished.

TRAVELLING IN LUXURY

Mrs. Alex. Dowie and the "Unkissed" Son

CARRY TWENTY TRUNKS

Young Dowie Says They Expect to Find Peace and Quiet at Connes.

Nice, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Alexander Dowie, wife of "Eljah the Restorer," accompanied by her son and her secretary, Mrs. Stern, arrived at Connes yesterday and were taken to a small hotel, and were given a luxurious suite. Their baggage consisted of twenty trunks. They will remain at the hotel for an indefinite period. No one is admitted to the presence of the party in their suite, the servants having been heavily tipped to keep a guard over the room, and to refuse information.

Young Dowie said to your correspondent in the corridor, "I won't speak a word to journalists, nor condescend to deny the wicked statements of the American press. We have been most shamefully abused and slandered. Mother feels quite ill. Here it is expected we will find quiet and rest." Cablegrams have been pouring in ever since the arrival of the party.

Mrs. Dowie and son went driving twice yesterday. They kept strictly to themselves, however, and will speak to no one, even during the meals which they take in the public dining room.

DOWIE EFFECTS SETTLEMENT.

Cash is Forthcoming for the Urgent Claims.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—By a stroke of diplomacy John Alexander Dowie has established harmony between Zion, its receivers and its creditors in and out of court. He opposes to settle with his immediate creditors, to arrange with others on a reasonable time basis and the receivership. He declared he valued Zion's estate at \$14,000,000 above all liabilities. He exhibited large orders for lace and candy. He said neither lace nor candy factory could supply its orders. He showed an order for 75 carloads of candy from a Cincinnati firm. He showed a draft from a wealthy well wisher and declared he could draw for \$500,000 more on one of Zion's friends in Wisconsin.

OPERATIONS SUSPENDED.

No Signs of Resuming Work in Copper Mines at Copperfield.

White River Junction, Dec. 7.—Reports from the copper mines at Copperfield, which are controlled by the Westinghouse Electric Co. of Chicago, indicate a general suspension of operations for an indefinite period. Many of the horses and mules brought there from the West to haul the ore to Ely station have been sold. A large sum of money has been spent by the Westinghouse people in the development of the mines and why the work has ceased is known only to the company.

KONGO STATE HORRORS.

British Consul Confirms Reports of Atrocities on the Natives.

London, Dec. 7.—Roger Casement, British consul in the Kongo Free State, has just completed a tour of investigation undertaken under the orders of the British government, and he fully confirms the worst reports of outrages perpetrated on natives of that part of Africa. Mr. Casement's tour was to have lasted six months, but after the scenes he witnessed and the information he obtained in the first two months the consul decided that further evidence was unnecessary. The report which Mr. Casement is now preparing for the foreign office will show that the most horrible outrages are still being perpetrated under the "rubber regime" and that slavery and barbarism in their most revolting forms still exist.

The Casement party traveled over a thousand miles from the coast, along the Kongo and its tributaries, visiting the Abir and Lulunga rubber zones. Pending the delivery of the report to the foreign office the investigators refuse to furnish any details, but a member of the mission summed up the situation by saying:

"The most terrible slavery exists, the administration is atrocious, and if there is not speedy intervention it will be too late."

MOCCASIN STILL ON THE BEACH.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The navy department has about concluded that it is not within its power to remove the submarine boat Moccasin from the Currituck beach, where she now lies, and negotiations have already begun with some of the wrecking companies to salvage the vessel.

STEAMERS LEFT HIGH AND DRY.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—By a sudden change in the channel of the Mississippi river near Selma, Mo., thirty-five miles below here, three large steamers on their way to St. Louis have been caught in the old channel and are now hard aground.

WOUND ABOUT MACHINERY

A Young Topsham Girl Was Horribly Injured.

LIVED BUT SHORT TIME

Nine Year Old Daughter of Elmer Powers Killed While Gathering Shavings in Sawmill.

Topsham, Dec. 7.—Mary, the 9-year-old daughter of Elmer Powers of this place met with a terrible death Saturday afternoon by being caught in the shafting of the saw-mill and being thrown about until there was scarcely a whole bone in her body. The accident happened at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The girl with a small brother had gone into the basement of the mill to gather saw-dust, when her dress caught in a set screw. She was unable to extricate herself and in a second was wound about the machinery.

She was discovered by the proprietor, Geo. Hall, and the machinery stopped. It was not until her clothing had been cut away that the little body could be released from its position. The girl was dead when the rescuers reached her. An examination by Dr. Fox showed that her back had been broken, as were both legs, and the head was terribly bruised. The mother is ill in bed from a recent confinement. Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. Powers lost another child by accident, the child falling into a well.

EDDIE GOLDEN WAS EASY.

Paid Stranger's Car Fare and Was Then Robbed, in Essex Junction.

Burlington, Dec. 7.—Eddie Golden of Westford, aged 25, was easy for a companion whom he met on the electric car Saturday evening, and when Eddie and the stranger man separated the former was minus his watch and one dollar in coin. Austin Bessette of Essex Junction was arrested charged with being the person who took the snuff from Eddie.

The two met on an electric car going to Essex Junction, and the stranger promptly requested the man from Westford to pay his fare. This the latter did, and when they reached Essex Junction the stranger invited Eddie to spend the night with him. The victim readily accepted, and when they were on the way to the place of abode, Eddie asserts that the stranger suddenly became rude and demanded his property. On the young man's refusal to give down the stranger knocked him down and took the money. It is alleged that Bessette was captured just as he was showing the spoils to a friend.

AGED MINISTER DEAD.

Rev. S. F. Drew of Waterbury. Was 82 Years Old.

Waterbury, Dec. 6.—The Rev. S. F. Drew, a retired Congregational clergyman, died from the effects of apoplexy at his home here early this morning. He was 82 years of age, having been born in Cambridge October 12, 1821. He had been in the ministry for 40 years. His first pastorate was in Cabot, where he preached 11 years. He went from there to the west and later came to Stowe. He resigned there six years ago and since that time has made his residence here.

He is survived by a wife and four children, the Rev. E. P. Drew of Keene, N. H., Dwight G. and Herbert S. of Boston, and Miss Mary Drew, who resided at home.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JOSEPH BEAN INDICTED.

Likely to be Tried Soon on Charge of Murder of Ephraim Root.

Woodstock, Dec. 7.—The special grand jury, summoned to make investigation of the Rochester homicide case, made report and was discharged Saturday afternoon. They reported one true bill. It is understood that the prisoner, Joseph Bean, now in jail here charged with the killing of Ephraim Root Oct. 12, is indicted on a charge of murder in the first degree. The case will not do come up for trial at this term and will be reached inside of two weeks.

SMALL POX IN RUTLAND.

A Case Discovered in one of the Leading Hotels.

Rutland, Dec. 7.—Health Officer Moore today found a man named Young, who lives in northern New York, sick in one of the leading local hotels. His illness appeared to be small pox. After an examination by physicians he was removed to the pest house.

PLACES FOR VERMONT MEMBERS.

Montpelier, Dec. 5.—Committee appointments were made by Speaker Cannon today. Congressman Foster remains on foreign affairs, claims and expenditures in the state department, and is placed on labor. Congressman Haskins remains on agriculture and elections and is placed on war claims.

JURY LOCKED UP OVER SUNDAY.

Montpelier, Dec. 7.—The jury in the assault case of State vs. Chester Wood failed to agree up to 9 o'clock Saturday night and were locked up over Sunday. The jury came in this morning and reported a verdict of not guilty.

"LA TOSCA" IN ITALIAN.

Italian Philodrammatic Club Gives Excellent Presentation at Opera House.

The Italian "Filodrammatica" gave a presentation of "Tosca" at the opera house Saturday evening before a large audience. The play was well staged and acted throughout and the audience was quite enthusiastic in its applause of the good work done by those taking part. An interesting feature of the play was the fact that the title role was taken by Mrs. Garatto, wife of the man who is in Montpelier jail charged with the murder of Eli Corti.

The cast of characters was as follows:
Tosca Fioria (cantante) G. M. Angelica
Mario Cavaradossi (pittore) A. Conti
Scarpia (reggente della polizia) E. Portolampi
Angiolotti (condannato politico) E. Dunghl
Cesce (servo) P. Fioravante
Columetti (seguaci di Scarpia)

Following the play a farce entitled "Felicie il Cerimaniolo" was given to the great delight of all. The cast of characters was as follows:
Padre Eusebio (agrestano) Z. Rabaloli
Gennarino (garzone) F. Abbati
Cesce (servo) P. Fioravante
Soldato C. Olivieri
Luciana (cameriera) C. Amela
Sbirri, ecc.

The proceeds of the entertainment go to the benefit of the dramatic club.

CAME TO MARRY.

Young Woman Found the Man Had Already Married.

Montpelier, Dec. 5.—A very serious case has been called to the attention of the overseer of the poor. A young girl 19 years of age, came to this city Wednesday from a town in New York state as she supposed to marry a young man living in this vicinity. She has letters in her possession in which he promised to marry her. On arrival here she found that within a month he had married another girl and is now outside the state. She claims that she is about to become a mother and has no home or means. She said she had \$20 when she left New York, but lost it. She has no money to pay her board at the hotel where she is stopping and Overseer Parmenter has been called on and is now making an investigation of the case. The young man, she claims promised to marry her was married quietly and without any waste of time not many days ago. The girl formerly lived in Calais.

FEARS FOR HER FATE.

Young Woman Has Disappeared Between Montpelier and Concord.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 6.—A gentleman from Montpelier, Vt., has been in town this week searching in vain for a young woman who left the capital of Vermont three weeks ago to come to the capital of New Hampshire. She has not been heard of since, and there are circumstances connected with the case which make her relatives in Montpelier uneasy.

She was about to become a mother, they say, and was summoned to Concord by the man who was responsible for her condition and who promised to marry her upon her arrival here. They think that in this case no news is had news and fear for her safety. The police and hospital authorities in this city, Manchester and Nashua have been appealed to, but have been unable to trace the young woman.

The names of the parties are for the present withheld.

DEATH OF C. COMIT.

Barre Man Died at Hospital of Cancer of the Liver.

Cassat Comit, aged 30 years, died at the Henson hospital in Montpelier Sunday night at 7.30 o'clock of cancer of the liver. His body was brought to this city this morning in A. W. Badger & Co.'s ambulance, and the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the home of G. Casell of Maple avenue. Burial in Hope cemetery.

SYNOPSIS OF "MR. BOB."

The synopsis of "Mr. Bob" to be presented at the Universal vestry Wednesday evening by the members of the Murray class is as follows:

Act I.—"If it was only a dog or a horse." The stage struck Patty. About Becky's scheme for destitute cats. Kitty's joke on Philip. "It's beneath the dignity of a Jenkins." Bob's arrival. "Jenkins' take my bag." "Sh! don't give it away that you are Brown." "I came down." Mr. Sanders. Plans for the yacht race. The agreement. Philip gives up the race.

Act II.—The dagger scene from Macbeth. "Show me a man what 'as a dramatic 'art." Kitty and Marion plan to have Bob sail Philip's boat. Another luncheon for Mr. Brown. Studying to be a Romeo. Philip returns and entertains Bob. Brown exchanges papers. Bob wins the race. Philip meets the real Mr. Bob.

The cast of characters is:
Philip Royson, J. Ward Carver.
Robert Brown, clerk of Benson & Benson, Paul Leavett.
Rebecca Luke, a maiden lady, Miss Helen Marsh.
Katherine Rogers, her niece, Miss Maud Be.
Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend, Mrs. Edith Britton.
Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid, Miss Myra Morse.

BARRE MAN DIDN'T BUY.

Waterbury, Dec. 7.—The firm of Huntley & Co., grocers, closed its doors Saturday morning. It is generally understood that failure is the result. Of late the store has changed hands rapidly. It was bought by P. D. Ladd who stocked the store, by A. E. Huntley and then sold to Mr. Huntley's uncle. In the spring it was rumored that it was sold to a Barre party but it could not be sold.

SAWED WAY TO LIBERTY

Three Prisoners Escaped From County Jail.

KNAPP WAS RECAPTURED

"Dick" Celley, Eugene Davis and Neill Knapp Went Through 7 by 14 Inch Opening.

Three prisoners escaped from the county jail at Montpelier Saturday evening by sawing off a bar from a rear window, and up to this afternoon only one of the jailbirds had been recaptured. The men are "Dick" Celley, arrested and held for the grand jury on the charge of larceny of a silver watch and about \$30 from Kenneth McAnuly, and Earl Knapp and Eugene Davis who were waiting sentence for the burglary of the Colburn store at Northfield. The discovery that the men were missing was not made until several hours after the escape, and then all the available deputy sheriffs and officers were sent on the trail. It was not until yesterday afternoon, however, that the first prisoner was recaptured at Calais.

The window through which they escaped is in the jail corridor where the men had been allowed to do some washing. Their work was done rapidly and it is probable that the sawing of the bar was done with an instrument smuggled in for the purpose as the work was neatly done. The hole through which the three men crawled is seven by fourteen inches, and they had to drop 12 feet to the ground.

Celley was committed to the jail only Saturday in default of securing \$300, while Knapp and Davis, who are only boys, had been in the jail for some time. They pleaded guilty last week to the charge of burglarizing the Colburn store at Northfield several weeks ago.

Knapp was captured yesterday afternoon in a swamp in Calais by Deputy Sheriff E. S. Tutney and F. A. Tracy. None of the men who escaped had any overcoats or vests. Davis and Celley are still at large, but a dozen or more deputy sheriffs and special officers are on their trail and their capture is expected any hour. Celley has a wooden leg, which will make his identification easy.

Knapp was a hard looking citizen when he reached the jail last evening. His shoes and stockings were worn out with his long tramp on frozen ground. He had not tasted food since he left the jail and he expressed himself as glad to get back to his old quarters. A severe sweating process failed to bring out any information regarding his companions.

HE TRIED TO ESCAPE.

Burlington, Dec. 7.—William Butler, who is in jail on a charge of burglarizing the O'Mara homestead on Maple street, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape last night and is now in his cell nursing a bruised head, which came in contact with Sheriff Horton's Billy.

DECISION AGAINST GRANT.

Former Barre Man Was Sued by F. H. Robinson.

Judgment was rendered Saturday in a case in which a former Barre man, James Grant, was interested. Judgment by default was entered in favor of Frederick H. Robinson of Boston against James Grant, formerly of Barre, now outside the state. Grant went to Boston some time ago and while in that city was sued, Robinson going his bail. The latter was obliged to pay a judgment of \$327, and came back on Grant only to find that a bill of sale of his store given to him was of no value since he had no store. Judgment was given for the amount claimed. It was said Grant also represented that he was largely interested in the granite business. J. W. Gordon appeared for Robinson.

FIRE AT MONTPELIER.

Montpelier, Dec. 7.—The house on Charles street, owned by Dillon & Haley, was partially burned Saturday night. The house was insured for \$2,000 and the furniture for \$1,700.

RECITAL AT GODDARD.

Pupils of School Will Give Programme This Evening.

The pupils in the music department of Goddard Seminary will give a recital at the Seminary this evening. The programme is as follows:

Part I.
Serenade, Misses Kendall, Chapp, Perrin, Butterfield.
Quellenrauschen, Mr. Charles Brown.
Le Chant du Braconnier, Miss Clara Perrin.
(a) Ecstasy, Miss Clara Perrin.
(b) A Disappointment, Miss Jennie Mann.
Les Sylphides, Miss Grace Blake.
(a) Barcarolle, Eschalkowsky.
(b) Valse Chromatique, Miss Pearl Richmond.
Godard

Part II.
Overture—Rosamunde, Schubert.
Misses Blake, Underwood, Lane, Richmond, Beach.
Villanelle, Miss Fanny Severance.
(a) Prelude, Miss Hattie Lane.
(b) Barcarolle, "Die Walkure," Wagner.
Magle Fire from "Die Walkure," Wagner.
Bohlers, Miss Grace Brown.
Aria from "Judith," Miss Stella Crandall.
Spinning Wheel of Ouphala, Saint Saens.
Misses Brown and Hatchelder.